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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED 02/21/2006

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Applicant:

Jeff G. Bone

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For

Method and Apparatus for Managing File Systems
and File-Based Data Storage

Group Art Unit

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Examiner

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Confirmation No. 9306

Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir:

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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The Examiner states that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-16, drawn to using a rulesbase to compare filesystems, classified in Class 706/47; or
- Group II: Claims 17-36, drawn to gathering and defining data to generate statistics of interest, classified in Class 707/6; or
- Group III: Claims 37-105, drawn to client/server communication, classified in Class 709/201; or
- Group IV: Claims 106-113, drawn to defining import/export spaces, classified in Class 707/101.

Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 37-105 of Group III with traverse. The traversal is based on an examination of all the claims not being a burden upon the Office.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due and owing. If any fees are required, or if any amounts have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

Respectfully submitted,

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